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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

OSCAR TAPIA CARMONA,
Plaintiff,
v.
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 18-CV-05232-LHK

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND
DENYING IN PART DEFENDANTS'
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT**

Plaintiff Oscar Tapia Carmona (“Plaintiff”) brought suit against Defendants County of San Mateo, Correctional Officer Jesse Ramirez, Correctional Officer Walter Daly, Correctional Officer Derek Hudnall, Correctional Officer James Byrnes,¹ Correctional Officer Ryan Cardoza, Correctional Officer Berta Garcia, Correctional Officer John Ray Guinto, Correctional Officer Daniel Diaz, Correctional Officer David Dominguez, Deputy Samuel Lehr, Deputy Michael Anderson, and Deputy William Robinson (collectively, “Defendants”), alleging claims for excessive force in violation of Plaintiff’s constitutional rights, intentional infliction of emotional

¹ Plaintiff’s Third Amended Complaint refers to Defendant as “Byrns.” ECF No. 38, at 1. However, Defendants’ motion for summary judgment spells Defendants’ last name as “Byrnes.” ECF No. 72, at 1.

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1 distress, assault and battery, negligence, and violation of California Civil Code § 52.1 (“Bane
2 Act”). Before the Court is Defendants’ motion for summary judgment or, in the alternative, for
3 partial summary judgment. ECF No. 72 (“Mot.”). Having considered the parties’ briefing, the
4 relevant law, and the record in this case, the Court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part
5 Defendants’ motion for summary judgment.

6 **I. BACKGROUND**

7 **A. Factual Background**

8 **1. Plaintiff’s Arrest and Booking into the Maguire Correctional Facility**

9 On March 26, 2018, Plaintiff was arrested on suspicion of committing several violent
10 felonies. *See* ECF No. 72-2 (“Ex. M”). Plaintiff was ultimately charged with multiple counts of
11 attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse, hit and run, and possession of a
12 firearm by a convicted felon. *Id.*

13 On the evening of March 26, 2018, Plaintiff was booked into Maguire Correctional Facility
14 (“Maguire”). ECF No. 72-4, at ¶ 2 (“Anderson Decl.”). While going through the booking process
15 at Maguire, Plaintiff appeared to be either under the influence of narcotics or having some sort of
16 psychotic episode. *Id.* Plaintiff had rapid speech, transitioned rapidly between English and
17 Spanish, and appeared to be almost manic. *Id.* The only aspect of the booking process that
18 Plaintiff recalls is that he met with a mental health professional. ECF No. 72-7, at 44:6–21
19 (“Carmona Depo.”).

20 **2. Plaintiff’s Behavior Deteriorates**

21 On March 27, 2018, Plaintiff told staff at Maguire that he feared for his safety. *Id.* at
22 45:16–19. Plaintiff was therefore placed in protective custody. Plaintiff does not recall much of
23 that day. *Id.* at 48:22–49:20. On the evening of March 27, 2018, Plaintiff began to display bizarre
24 and disruptive behavior in his cell, including yelling incoherently and banging on his cell door.
25 ECF No. 72-5 at ¶ 3 (“Daly Decl.”).

26 Plaintiff’s behavior continued to deteriorate throughout the night. *Id.* Correctional Officer

1 Walter Daly (“Daly”) recognized that Plaintiff primarily spoke Spanish, and so Daly asked
2 Correctional Officer Jesse Ramirez (“Ramirez”), a bilingual Spanish-English speaker, to speak
3 with Plaintiff and attempt to calm him down. ECF No. 72-7, at 46:21–47:2 (“Ramirez Depo.”).

4 Daly subsequently discovered that Plaintiff had been classified by the Forensic Mental
5 Health staff at Maguire as a moderate suicide risk, which required Plaintiff to be changed into a
6 “Ferguson gown” and moved to an alternative housing unit according to facility policy. ECF No.
7 72-7, at 22:11–23:22 (“Daly Depo.”). A Ferguson gown is designed to prevent inmates from
8 hanging themselves. Ramirez Depo. at 38:17–24.

9 Accordingly, at some point in the early morning hours of March 28, 2021, officers arrived
10 at Plaintiff’s cell and communicated with him in both English and Spanish. Carmona Depo. at
11 50:5–9. Plaintiff felt paranoid and voices in Plaintiff’s head told him that the officers were trying
12 to kill him. *Id.* at 25:3–19; 23:2–9. Daly and Deputy Bill Anderson (“Anderson”) recall that
13 Plaintiff was told by officers that he needed to be changed into a Ferguson gown and moved into a
14 new cell. Daly Depo. at 28:14–29:4; Anderson Decl. at ¶ 5. Plaintiff states that he was not told he
15 needed to be changed into a Ferguson gown and was not told why he had to be moved. Carmona
16 Depo. at 52:11–16; 53:25–54:3. Plaintiff refused to exit his cell when Ramirez requested that he
17 come out. *Id.* at 50:5–9; Anderson Decl. at ¶ 5.

18 **3. Defendants Enter Plaintiff’s Cell**

19 Daly, Ramirez, and Correctional Officer Derek Hudnall (Hudnall”) decided that they
20 would enter Plaintiff’s cell, handcuff him, remove his clothes, change him into a Ferguson gown,
21 and then move Plaintiff to an appropriate housing unit. Ramirez Depo. at 47:22–48:11; Anderson
22 Decl. at ¶ 4. An Emergency Response Team was not called to assist Daly, Ramirez, and Hudnall
23 because Plaintiff did not appear likely to violently resist. Ramirez Depo. at 45:8–13.

24 Daly, Ramirez, and Hudnall entered Plaintiff’s cell and found him lying on the ground
25 brushing his teeth. Daly Depo. at 35:1–6; 41:5–7; Ramirez Depo. at 49:10–19. Defendant
26 Ramirez estimates that it was 1:30 a.m. when the three officers entered Plaintiff’s cell. Ramirez
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1 Depo. at 52:4–10. Daly took control of Plaintiff’s left arm, Ramirez took control of Plaintiff’s
2 right arm, and Hudnall took control of Plaintiff’s legs. Ramirez Depo. at 50:1–12; Daly Decl. at ¶
3 5. The officers then flipped Plaintiff onto his stomach and Daly applied a shoulder pin to
4 Plaintiff’s left shoulder. Daly Depo. at 36: 4–16. Daly used the shoulder pin to control Plaintiff’s
5 left arm by applying leverage to Plaintiff’s left shoulder. Daly Decl. at ¶ 5. Plaintiff attempted to
6 grab Daly’s hand and fingers, but otherwise did not resist. *Id.* Ramirez and Daly then handcuffed
7 Plaintiff. Daly Depo. at 41:19–23; Ramirez Depo. at 50:20–23.

8 Plaintiff testified that the officer that grabbed his left arm broke it during this process.
9 Plaintiff asked the officer to stop twisting his arm because it hurt, but the officer then exerted more
10 force and broke Plaintiff’s left arm. Carmona Depo. at 50:14–20. At some point while Ramirez
11 and Daly were in Plaintiff’s cell, Ramirez and Daly recognized that Plaintiff appeared to have
12 injured his upper left arm. Daly Depo. at 44:1–21.

13 Plaintiff also testified that when the officers first entered his cell, the officers began to beat
14 him. Carmona Depo. at 50:14–20. Plaintiff estimates that he was punched more than five times in
15 the stomach and slapped in the face more than ten times. *Id.* at 65:9–17. Leonardo Lopez, an
16 inmate at Maguire, estimates that his cell was 50–60 feet away from Plaintiff’s cell. ECF No. 72-
17 7, at 53:19–22 (“Lopez Depo.”). Lopez recalls Plaintiff yelling and what sounded like someone
18 being hit in Plaintiff’s cell. *Id.* at 70:3–5.

19 After Plaintiff was handcuffed and placed on his stomach, Deputy Samuel Lehr (“Lehr”)
20 entered the cell and began to cut off Plaintiff’s shirt with safety scissors so that Plaintiff could be
21 changed into a Ferguson gown. Ramirez Depo. at 49:4–9; Daly Decl. at ¶ 7. Lehr had cut
22 halfway down Plaintiff’s shirt when Plaintiff began to yell incoherently and violently resist.
23 Plaintiff began to thrash his body, slam his head into the concrete floor, and kick his legs. Daly
24 Decl. at ¶ 7; Ramirez Depo. at 51:6–13; ECF No. 72-7, at 40:23–41:6 (“Hudnall Depo.”). Plaintiff
25 states that he began to resist because the voices in his head told him that the officers were there to
26 kill him. Carmona Depo. at 23:2–9.

1 **4. Plaintiff is Removed from His Cell**

2 Plaintiff ultimately calmed down and was escorted out of his cell and down the stairs in
3 handcuffs. Anderson Decl. at ¶ 7; ECF No. 72-10 (“Cell Extraction Video”). Plaintiff was then
4 led to the downstairs dayroom area, at which point Plaintiff began to kick officers and attempt to
5 struggle out of their control. ECF No. 72-10 (“Dayroom Video”). Plaintiff was ultimately sedated
6 by medical personnel and transported to San Mateo Medical Center to have surgery on his left
7 arm. Carmona Depo. at 82:1–7.

8 **B. Procedural Background**

9 On August 27, 2018, Plaintiff filed a pro se complaint against San Mateo County Sheriff
10 Officers Does 1-99. ECF No. 1 at 1. On November 29, 2018, the Court granted Plaintiff leave to
11 proceed in forma pauperis, ECF No. 13, but dismissed the complaint with leave to amend because
12 Plaintiff failed to name an appropriate defendant for service. ECF No. 12.

13 Plaintiff obtained counsel, who entered an appearance on December 12, 2018. ECF No.
14 14. On December 27, 2018, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint against Sheriff Bolanos,
15 the County of San Mateo, and Doe Defendants. ECF No. 15 (“FAC”). The FAC alleged six
16 causes of action: (1) violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States
17 Constitution; (2) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (3) assault and battery; (4)
18 negligence; (5) a *Monell* claim; and (6) violation of the Bane Act. *Id.* at ¶¶ 26–52. Plaintiff
19 asserted his fifth cause of action (the *Monell* claim) against all Defendants, but asserted his
20 remaining causes of action against only Doe Defendants. *Id.*

21 On February 27, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiff’s fifth cause of action
22 (the *Monell* claim). ECF No. 20. On March 13, 2019, Plaintiff filed an opposition. ECF No. 22.
23 On March 19, 2019, Defendants filed a reply. ECF No. 23. On May 23, 2019, the Court held that
24 “the allegations regarding the purported policies of San Mateo County are unsupported by any
25 factual pleadings.” ECF No. 27 at 6. The Court dismissed the *Monell* claim against the County of
26 San Mateo with leave to amend. *Id.* at 6–7.

27 The Court also dismissed with prejudice the *Monell* claim against Sheriff Bolanos and Doe

1 Defendants in their official capacities because Plaintiff's claims against these defendants in their
2 official capacity were "subsumed by Plaintiff's *Monell* claim under § 1983 against San Mateo
3 County, the governmental employer." *Id.* at 7, 9–10. Finally, the Court dismissed Plaintiff's
4 *Monell* claim against Sheriff Bolanos and Doe Defendants in their individual capacity without
5 prejudice because the allegations were "[t]hreadbare recitations of the elements of a cause of
6 action, supported by mere conclusory statements." *Id.* at 8, 10–11. The Court directed Plaintiff to
7 file an amended complaint within 30 days curing the identified deficiencies and prohibited
8 Plaintiff from adding new causes of actions or parties without leave of the Court or stipulation of
9 the parties. *Id.* at 11.

10 On June 24, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint. ECF No. 28 ("SAC").
11 The SAC only included one additional allegation not contained in the FAC. Plaintiff alleged that
12 "[o]n information and belief, Defendant BOLANOS participated in the violent assault of
13 Plaintiff." *Id.* at ¶ 15. At the same time, the SAC continued to allege that Plaintiff could not
14 recognize or identify any of the deputies who allegedly attacked him. SAC at ¶¶ 11–19. The SAC
15 also added Sheriff Bolanos as a defendant to the remaining five causes of action. The County,
16 Sheriff Bolanos, and Doe Defendants remained as defendants as to the *Monell* claim, the fifth
17 cause of action.

18 On July 1, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiff's *Monell* claim as to all
19 Defendants and the remaining five causes of action as to Sheriff Bolanos. ECF No. 29. On July
20 15, 2019, Plaintiff filed an opposition. ECF No. 30. On July 22, 2019, Defendants filed a reply.
21 ECF No. 31.

22 On September 12, 2019, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' motion to
23 dismiss. ECF No. 33. Specifically, the Court granted Defendants' motion to dismiss with
24 prejudice as to Plaintiff's *Monell* claim under Section 1983 against the County, Sheriff Bolanos,
25 and Doe Defendants. *Id.* at 10. The Court denied the motion to dismiss with respect to Plaintiff's
26 Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment claim under Section 1983 as to Sheriff Bolanos;

1 Plaintiff's intentional infliction of emotional distress claim as to Sheriff Bolanos; Plaintiff's
2 assault and battery claim as to Sheriff Bolanos; Plaintiff's negligence claim against Sheriff
3 Bolanos; and Plaintiff's Bane Act claim against Sheriff Bolanos. *Id.*

4 On September 26, 2019, Defendants filed an answer to Plaintiff's SAC. ECF No. 34. On
5 November 27, 2019, the Court granted the parties' stipulation to allow Plaintiff to file a third
6 amended complaint and to dismiss Defendant Bolanos. ECF No. 37.

7 On December 2, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Third Amended Complaint. ECF No. 38 ("TAC").
8 The TAC alleges five causes of action: (1) violations of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments
9 under 42 U.S.C. § 1983; (2) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (3) assault and battery; (4)
10 negligence; (5) violation of California Civil Code § 52.1 ("Bane Act"). *Id.* at ¶¶ 36–55. Plaintiff
11 named as Defendants Correctional Officer Jesse Ramirez, Correctional Officer Walter Daly,
12 Correctional Officer Derek Hudnall, Correctional Officer James Byrnes, Correctional Officer
13 Ryan Cardoza, Correctional Officer Berta Garcia, Correctional Officer John Ray Guinto,
14 Correctional Officer Daniel Diaz, Correctional Officer David Dominguez, Deputy Samuel Lehr,
15 Deputy Michael Anderson, Deputy William Robinson, and the County of San Mateo. *Id.*

16 On February 6, 2020, Defendants filed an answer to Plaintiff's TAC. ECF No. 47.

17 On April 6, 2020, the Court granted the parties' stipulation to stay the case, and the Court
18 referred the parties to a settlement conference with United States Magistrate Judge Nathanael
19 Cousins. ECF No. 52.

20 On July 7, 2020, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion to appoint Maria Isabel Tapia
21 Carmona as Plaintiff's guardian ad litem. ECF No. 60.

22 On November 3, 2020, the Court lifted the stay of the case. ECF No. 69.

23 On March 12, 2021, Defendants filed the instant motion for summary judgment.² ECF No.
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25 ² On March 12, 2021, Defendants also filed a motion to exclude the expert opinions and testimony
of Ernest Burwell ("Burwell"). ECF No. 73. On March 26, 2021, Plaintiff filed an opposition.
26 ECF No. 76. On April 2, 2021, Defendants filed a reply. ECF No. 79. Burwell is Plaintiff's use
27 of force expert and authored Plaintiff's use of force expert report. Plaintiff does not rely on, or
mention, this use of force report in opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment.

1 72 (“Mot.”). On March 25, 2021, Plaintiff filed an opposition. ECF No. 75 (“Opp.”). On April 2,
2 2021, Defendants filed a reply. ECF No. 78 (“Reply”).

3 **C. Request for Judicial Notice**

4 The Court may take judicial notice of matters that are either “generally known within the
5 trial court’s territorial jurisdiction” or “can be accurately and readily determined from sources
6 whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned.” Fed. R. Evid. 201(b). Moreover, courts may
7 consider materials referenced in the complaint under the incorporation by reference doctrine, even
8 if a plaintiff failed to attach those materials to the complaint. *Knievel v. ESPN*, 393 F.3d 1068,
9 1076 (9th Cir. 2005). Public records, including judgments and other publicly filed documents, are
10 proper subjects of judicial notice. *See, e.g., United States v. Black*, 482 F.3d 1035, 1041 (9th Cir.
11 2007). However, to the extent any facts in documents subject to judicial notice are subject to
12 reasonable dispute, the Court will not take judicial notice of those facts. *See Lee v. City of Los*
13 *Angeles*, 250 F.3d 668, 689 (9th Cir. 2001), *overruled on other grounds by Galbraith v. County of*
14 *Santa Clara*, 307 F.3d 1119 (9th Cir. 2002).

15 Here, Defendants request judicial notice of a court record from the Superior Court of the
16 County of San Mateo. ECF No. 72-1 (Request for Judicial Notice); ECF No. 72-2 (“Ex. M”).
17 Plaintiff does not oppose this request. Court records or proceedings in other cases are matters of
18 public record, and therefore the proper subject of judicial notice. *See Holder v. Holder*, 305 F.3d
19 854, 866 (9th Cir. 2002) (taking judicial notice of records in another court). Accordingly, the
20 Court GRANTS Defendants’ request for judicial notice.

21 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

22 Summary judgment is proper where the pleadings, discovery, and affidavits show that
23 there is “no genuine dispute as to any material fact and [that] the movant is entitled to judgment as
24 a matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a). Material facts are those which may affect the outcome of

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26 Similarly, the Court does not rely on Plaintiff’s use of force expert report in ruling on Defendants’
27 motion for summary judgment. Therefore, Defendants’ motion to exclude will be addressed in a
separate order.

1 the case. *See Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986). A dispute as to a
2 material fact is genuine if there is sufficient evidence for a reasonable jury to return a verdict for
3 the nonmoving party. *See id.*

4 The party moving for summary judgment bears the initial burden of identifying those
5 portions of the pleadings, discovery, and affidavits that demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue
6 of material fact. *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986).

7 Once the moving party meets its initial burden, the nonmoving party must go beyond the
8 pleadings and, by its own affidavits or discovery, “set forth specific facts showing that there is a
9 genuine issue for trial.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e). It is not the task of the court to scour the record in
10 search of a genuine issue of triable fact. *Keenan v. Allen*, 91 F.3d 1275, 1279 (9th Cir. 1996). The
11 nonmoving party has the burden of identifying, with reasonable particularity, the evidence that
12 precludes summary judgment. *Id.* If the nonmoving party fails to make this showing, “the
13 moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” *Celotex Corp.*, 477 U.S. at 323.

14 At the summary judgment stage, the Court must view the evidence in the light most
15 favorable to the nonmoving party: if evidence produced by the moving party conflicts with
16 evidence produced by the nonmoving party, the judge must assume the truth of the evidence set
17 forth by the nonmoving party with respect to that fact. *See Leslie v. Grupo ICA*, 198 F.3d 1152,
18 1158 (9th Cir. 1999).

19 **III. DISCUSSION**

20 Plaintiff’s TAC alleges four causes of action against Defendants Ramirez, Daly, Hudnall,
21 Byrnes, Cardoza, Garcia, Guinto, Diaz, Dominguez, Lehr, Anderson, and Robinson: (1) violation
22 of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments under 42 U.S.C. § 1983; (2) intentional infliction of
23 emotional distress; (3) assault and battery; and (4) violation of the Bane Act. TAC at ¶¶ 36–45,
24 50–55. Plaintiff alleges a fifth cause of action for negligence against Defendants Ramirez, Daly,
25 Hudnall, Byrnes, Cardoza, Garcia, Guinto, Diaz, Dominguez, Lehr, Anderson, Robinson, and the
26 County of San Mateo. *Id.* at ¶¶ 46–49.

1 Defendants argue that they are entitled to summary judgment in their favor on Plaintiff's
2 Section 1983 claim because undisputed facts show that Defendants did not violate Plaintiff's
3 Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights by use of excessive force. Mot. at 1 Defendants further
4 argue that they are entitled to qualified immunity on Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim. *Id.*
5 Defendants next argue that they are entitled to summary judgment on Plaintiff's intentional
6 infliction of emotional distress, assault and battery, negligence, and Bane Act claims ("state law
7 claims") because Defendants acted with objectively reasonable force. *Id.* Finally, Defendants
8 argue that the Court should decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law
9 claims. *Id.* Plaintiff argues in opposition that disputes of material fact between the parties mean
10 that summary judgment in Defendants' favor is inappropriate at this stage. Opp. at 1.

11 The defense of qualified immunity protects "government officials . . . from liability for
12 civil damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or
13 constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known." *Harlow v. Fitzgerald*, 457
14 U.S. 800, 818 (1982). "To determine whether a government official is entitled to qualified
15 immunity, we ask two questions: whether the official violated a statutory or constitutional right,
16 and whether that right was clearly established at the time of the challenged conduct." *Ellins v.*
17 *City of Sierra Madre*, 710 F.3d 1049, 1064 (9th Cir. 2013). The Court may exercise its discretion
18 to determine "which of the two prongs of the qualified immunity analysis should be addressed first
19 in light of the circumstances in the particular case at hand." *Pearson v. Callahan*, 555 U.S. 223,
20 242 (2009).

21 The Court therefore begins by addressing Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim and Defendants'
22 affirmative defense of qualified immunity. The Court then addresses Plaintiff's state law claims.

23 **A. Plaintiff's Section 1983 Claim for Excessive Force in Violation of the Fourth and
24 Fourteenth Amendments**

25 Plaintiff first alleges that Defendants violated his Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights
26 through the use of excessive force, and Defendants are therefore liable under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
27 TAC at ¶¶ 36–40. Defendants argue that they are entitled to summary judgment because no

1 reasonable jury could find that they used excessive force in detaining Plaintiff. Mot. at 7.

2 Defendants further argue that they are entitled to qualified immunity. *Id.* at 15.

3 Below, the Court considers (1) which Defendants and what conduct is properly before the
4 Court; (2) the Fourth Amendment balancing test under Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim; and (3)
5 whether Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity because the constitutional right was not
6 clearly established.

7 **1. Whether there has been a Violation of a Constitutional Right**

8 "Section 1983 does not create any substantive rights, but is instead a vehicle by which
9 plaintiffs can bring federal constitutional and statutory challenges to actions by state and local
10 officials." *Anderson v. Warner*, 451 F.3d 1063, 1067 (9th Cir. 2006). In order to sustain a cause
11 of action under Section 1983, a plaintiff must show (1) that he suffered a violation of his rights
12 protected by the United States Constitution or created by federal statute, and (2) that the violation
13 of his rights was proximately caused by a person acting under color of state law. *See Crumpton v.*
14 *Gates*, 947 F.2d 1418, 1420 (9th Cir. 1991) (outlining elements of a Section 1983 claim). A
15 plaintiff meets the causation element of a Section 1983 claim only if a plaintiff establishes that a
16 defendant undertook an affirmative act, participated in another's affirmative act, or omitted to
17 perform an act which he was required to do by law. *Arnold v. IBM*, 637 F.2d 1350, 1355 (9th Cir.
18 1981) (explaining elements of a Section 1983 claim).

19 The parties do not dispute that Defendants were acting under color of state law. The
20 question before the Court is therefore whether Defendants are entitled to summary judgment
21 because there is no dispute of material fact that Defendants did not use excessive force, or, even if
22 there is, whether Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity.

23 The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects pretrial inmates from the
24 use of excessive force by officers. *See Kingsley v. Hendrickson*, 576 U.S. 389, 397 (2015)
25 (holding that the Due Process clause applies to pretrial detainees). To determine whether an
26 officer has violated a pretrial detainee's constitutional rights by using excessive force, the Court
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1 considers whether the use of force violated the objective reasonableness standard set forth by the
2 Fourth Amendment. *Id.* (explaining “that the appropriate standard for a pretrial detainee’s
3 excessive force claim is solely an objective one.”); *see also Lolli v. County of Orange*, 351 F.3d
4 410, 415 (9th Cir. 2003) (“The Fourth Amendment sets the applicable constitutional limitations
5 for considering claims of excessive force during pretrial detention.”).

6 In *Graham v. Connor*, the United States Supreme Court explained that analyzing what
7 force was “reasonable” under the Fourth Amendment “requires a careful balancing of the nature
8 and quality of the intrusion on the individual’s Fourth Amendment interests against the
9 countervailing governmental interests at stake.” *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 396 (1989)
10 (internal quotation marks omitted). To do this, the Court weighs non-exclusive factors that
11 include: (1) “the severity of the crime at issue,” (2) “whether [Plaintiff] poses an immediate threat
12 to the safety of the officers or others,” and (3) “whether [Plaintiff] is actively resisting arrest or
13 attempting to evade arrest by flight.” *Id.* The Court considers the reasonableness of the force
14 “from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of
15 hindsight” because “officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances
16 that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a
17 particular situation.” *Id.* at 396–397.

18 Furthermore, the Ninth Circuit has made clear that “[b]ecause the excessive force inquiry
19 nearly always requires a jury to sift through disputed factual contentions, and to draw inferences
20 therefrom, we have held on many occasions that summary judgment or judgment as a matter of
21 law in excessive force cases should be granted sparingly.” *Smith v. City of Hemet*, 394 F.3d 689,
22 701 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc) (cleaned up) (internal quotation marks omitted).

23 **a. Defendants’ Conduct at Issue Before the Court**

24 First, the Court must clarify which Defendants and what conduct is properly before the
25 Court on the motion for summary judgement. Plaintiff’s TAC alleges that Officers Ramirez, Daly,
26 Hudnall, Byrnes, Cardoza, Garcia, Guinto, Diaz, Dominguez, Lehr, Anderson, and Robinson

1 violated Plaintiff's Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights in violation of Section 1983. TAC at
2 ¶ 36–40. Specifically, Plaintiff's TAC alleges that Defendants broke Plaintiff's arm inside of
3 Plaintiff's cell; punched and slapped Plaintiff inside Plaintiff's cell; and continued to assault
4 Plaintiff outside of Plaintiff's cell. *Id.* at ¶ 25, 29.

5 Defendants' motion for summary judgment argues that the record in this case clearly
6 establishes that only Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall initially entered Plaintiff's cell to handcuff
7 Plaintiff. Mot. at 8. Furthermore, Defendants argue that the record in this case clearly establishes
8 that Defendants did not assault or otherwise use excessive force outside of Plaintiff's cell. *Id.* at 9.
9 Finally, Defendants argue that although Plaintiff testified that Cardoza punched and slapped
10 Plaintiff inside of Plaintiff's cell while Plaintiff was being handcuffed by Defendants, the record
11 establishes that Cardoza did not enter Plaintiff's cell at this time. *Id.* at 8. Rather, it was Ramirez,
12 Daly, and Hudnall who initially entered Plaintiff's cell and restrained Plaintiff. *Id.* Defendants
13 further argue that the record clearly establishes that Defendants did not otherwise punch or slap
14 Plaintiff inside of Plaintiff's cell. *Id.* at 9.

15 Accordingly, Defendants argue that the only conduct that is properly before the Court with
16 respect to both Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim and state law claims is Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall's
17 use of force that allegedly resulted in Plaintiff's broken arm. Reply at 2; Mot. at 14. The Court
18 agrees.

19 First, Plaintiff's opposition brief argues only that Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall used
20 excessive force against Plaintiff by breaking Plaintiff's arm inside of Plaintiff's cell. *See Opp.* at 6
21 ("Defendants Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall are liable either because they broke Plaintiff's arm or
22 failed to intervene before Plaintiff's arm was broken."). Moreover, Plaintiff's own factual
23 background section in the opposition brief omits entirely any discussion of conduct that occurred
24 outside of Plaintiff's cell. *See Opp.* at 4. "A party abandons an issue when it has a full and fair
25 opportunity to ventilate its views with respect to an issue and instead chooses a position that
26 removes the issue from the case." *Ramirez v. City of Buena Park*, 560 F.3d 1012, 1026 (9th Cir.
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1 2009) (affirming district court’s grant of summary judgment on claims that plaintiff failed to
2 defend). Thus, Plaintiff has abandoned his excessive use of force claim and state law claims with
3 respect to allegations that Defendants used excessive or objectively unreasonable force against
4 Plaintiff by punching or slapping Plaintiff outside of Plaintiff’s cell.

5 Second, although Plaintiff’s factual background section mentions that Defendants punched
6 and slapped Plaintiff inside of Plaintiff’s cell, Plaintiff fails to address any of Defendants’
7 arguments for why the record makes clear that Defendants did not punch or slap Plaintiff inside of
8 Plaintiff’s cell. Moreover, although Plaintiff testified that Cardoza punched and slapped Plaintiff
9 inside of Plaintiff’s cell after Defendants entered to handcuff Plaintiff, Carmona Depo. at 64:17,
10 Plaintiff’s own factual background section in the opposition brief does not mention Cardoza and
11 states only that “Defendants Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall entered Plaintiff’s cell.” Opp. at 3.

12 Furthermore, in the merits section of Plaintiff’s opposition brief, Plaintiff argues only that
13 “Defendants Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall are liable either because they broke Plaintiff’s arm or
14 failed to intervene before Plaintiff’s arm was broken.” Opp. at 6. Plaintiff does not argue that any
15 Defendant is liable for punching or slapping Plaintiff. Accordingly, Plaintiff has abandoned his
16 excessive use of force claim and state law claims with respect to allegations that Defendants used
17 excessive or objectively unreasonable force against Plaintiff by punching or slapping Plaintiff
18 inside of Plaintiff’s cell. *See Ramirez*, 560 F.3d at 1026 (affirming district court’s grant of
19 summary judgment on claims that plaintiff failed to defend).

20 Finally, Plaintiff’s opposition brief does not mention Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza,
21 Guinto, Diaz, Dominguez, or Robinson. Plaintiff’s opposition brief also does not argue that
22 Anderson or Lehr used excessive force against Plaintiff or otherwise had any contact with
23 Plaintiff. Accordingly, the Court finds that Plaintiff has abandoned each of his claims with respect
24 to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.
25 *See Ramirez*, 560 F.3d at 1026 (“A party abandons an issue when it has a full and fair opportunity
26 to ventilate its views with respect to an issue and instead chooses a position that removes the issue
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1 from the case.”).

2 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Defendants’ motion for summary judgment on
3 Plaintiff’s Section 1983 claim as to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr,
4 Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

5 As such, the Court considers only Plaintiff’s argument that Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall
6 (“Excessive Force Defendants”) used excessive force when they broke Plaintiff’s arm in Plaintiff’s
7 cell while Plaintiff was being handcuffed and changed into a Ferguson gown.

8 Having identified what conduct is properly before the Court on the motion for summary
9 judgment, the Court now proceeds to balance the nature and quality of the intrusion on Plaintiff’s
10 Fourth Amendment rights with the government’s countervailing interest in the use of force.

11 **b. The Nature and Quality of the Intrusion**

12 First, the Court considers the nature and quality of the intrusion on Plaintiff’s Fourth
13 Amendment rights. *Graham*, 490 U.S. at 396 (outlining the elements of an excessive use of force
14 claim).

15 According to Defendants’ portrayal of events, Daly, Ramirez, and Hudnall entered
16 Plaintiff’s cell. Hudnall grabbed Plaintiff’s legs, Ramirez grabbed Plaintiff’s left arm and placed it
17 in a control hold, and Daly grabbed Plaintiff’s left arm and placed it in a control hold. Ramirez
18 Depo. at 50:1–12; Daly Dec. at ¶ 5. The officers then flipped Plaintiff onto his stomach and Daly
19 applied a shoulder pin, which is a “standard arm bar control hold while applying pressure by using
20 leverage to the shoulder.” Daly Dec. at ¶ 5. Daly and Ramirez then handcuffed Plaintiff. Daly
21 Depo. at 41:19–23; Ramirez Depo. at 50:20–23. Plaintiff offered minimal, if any, resistance
22 during the process of handcuffing him. Daly Dec. at ¶ 6. Plaintiff then began to violently resist
23 when Lehr subsequently entered the cell and began to cut open Plaintiff’s shirt in order to change
24 Plaintiff into a Ferguson gown. Ramirez Depo. at 49:4–9; 51:6–13. Plaintiff eventually calmed
25 down and was led out of his cell. At some point during this process, Daly and Ramirez noticed
26 that Plaintiff’s left arm appeared to be injured. Daly Depo. at 44:1–21.

1 According to Plaintiff, Daly broke Plaintiff's arm at some point during the process of
2 handcuffing Plaintiff and extracting Plaintiff from the cell. Opp. at 8. Plaintiff testified that he
3 asked the officer holding his arm to please stop twisting his arm because it was painful. Carmona
4 Depo. at 50:16–18. Plaintiff further testified that the officer then “exerted more pressure into my
5 arm, and that’s when my arm broke.” *Id.* at 50:19–20.

6 Plaintiff does not dispute that Daly used a standard control hold on Plaintiff's left arm in
7 order to handcuff Plaintiff. However, Plaintiff argues that Daly exerted more pressure into
8 Plaintiff's arm after Plaintiff complained of the pain, and that Daly's use of force must have been
9 excessive because it resulted in Plaintiff's broken arm. Opp. at 6, 8. Plaintiff also argues that
10 Daly admitted that a control hold can be applied incorrectly and cause injury. Opp. at 3 (citing
11 Daly Depo. at 37:20–21; 40:21–22).

12 **c. The Government's Countervailing Interest in the Use of Force**

13 “The strength of the government's interest in the force used is evaluated by examining
14 three primary factors: (1) ‘whether [Plaintiff] poses an immediate threat to the safety of the
15 officers or others,’ (2) ‘the severity of the crime at issue,’ and (3) ‘whether [Plaintiff] is actively
16 resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight.’” *Glenn v. Washington County*, 673 F.3d
17 864, 872 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting *Graham*, 490 U.S. at 396). Moreover, the Court may also
18 consider additional factors, including “the availability of less intrusive alternatives to the force
19 employed, whether proper warnings were given, and whether it should have been apparent to
20 officers that the person they used force against was emotionally disturbed.” *Id.*

21 Defendants argue that each of these factors weigh in favor of Excessive Force Defendants.
22 First, Defendants argue that Excessive Force Defendants feared for both their own safety and
23 Plaintiff's safety. Mot. at 11. According to Defendants' portrayal of events, Plaintiff was
24 unresponsive and uncooperative when Excessive Force Defendants informed him that he had to be
25 changed into a Ferguson Gown and moved to another cell. *Id.* at 12. Moreover, Plaintiff had been
26 acting in an odd and unpredictable fashion and had been classified as a moderate suicide risk by

1 Forensic Mental Health staff. *Id.* at 11.

2 Second, Defendants argue that Plaintiff had been booked into Maguire on a charge for
3 attempted murder and other serious felonies less than 48 hours before the events in Plaintiff's cell.
4 *Id.* at 10. Accordingly, Defendants argue that Plaintiff had committed serious and violent crimes
5 prior to the incident in question. *Id.*

6 Third, Defendants argue that Plaintiff actively resisted Excessive Force Defendants'
7 attempt to control Plaintiff inside of Plaintiff's cell. Mot. at 12. Specifically, Hudnall testified
8 that Plaintiff started to "violently resist," and "rock his body, almost like a fish, like a fish will
9 swim in the water, like violently to the point where I've never seen—I had never seen anything."
10 Hudnall Depo. at 41:1–6. Daly testified that "[d]uring our attempts to try and control Inmate
11 Tapia Carmona by using control holds and place him into handcuffs, he was violently thrashing
12 his body throughout the cell..." Daly Depo. at 45:13–16. Finally, Defendants argue that Plaintiff
13 ignored multiple warnings in Spanish from Ramirez before Excessive Force Defendants entered
14 Plaintiff's cell. Mot. at 12 (citing Carmona Depo. at 50:5–9).

15 In opposition, Plaintiff argues that he did not pose an immediate threat to officers when
16 they entered his cell because Plaintiff was sitting on the ground and brushing his teeth when
17 Excessive Force Defendants entered. Opp. at 7. Plaintiff further argues that he did not pose a
18 flight risk because he was already in custody and held inside a cell. *Id.* Finally, Plaintiff argues
19 that he was not actively resisting when Daly twisted Plaintiffs' arm and broke it after Daly exerted
20 more pressure after Plaintiff complained of the pain. *Id.* at 8.

21 **d. Totality of the Evidence**

22 Viewing the totality of the evidence in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds
23 that there are disputes of material fact regarding Excessive Force Defendants' use of force and the
24 circumstances surrounding that use of force that preclude summary judgment on Plaintiff's
25 Section 1983 claim for excessive use of force. *See Glenn*, 673 F.3d at 872 (explaining various
26 factors that courts must balance when determining whether defendants used excessive force).

1 Specifically, the record is unclear as to when Plaintiff's arm was broken and the circumstances
2 that led to it breaking. Plaintiff alleges that his arm was broken before he began to resist. Opp. at
3 8. Defendants, by contrast, suggest that Plaintiff's arm broke after he began to violently resist and
4 fight to get away from Excessive Force Defendants. Reply at 3, 5. Furthermore, Plaintiff argues
5 that Daly broke his arm by exerting further force after Plaintiff complained that his arm was in
6 pain. Opp. at 8. Defendants argue that Plaintiff never complained that his arm was in pain or
7 made any comment to Excessive Force Defendants while they handcuffed Plaintiff in Plaintiff's
8 cell. Reply at 1.

9 Plaintiff's version of events therefore differs from Defendants' version of events in several
10 material respects. Considering the totality of the circumstances and drawing all inferences in
11 Plaintiff's favor, there is a genuine issue of material fact as to whether Excessive Force
12 Defendants' use of force was objectively reasonable, and in turn, whether each officer's use of
13 force violated Plaintiff's Fourth Amendment right as a matter of law. *See City of Hemet*, 394 F.3d
14 at 701 (reminding courts that “[b]ecause the excessive force inquiry nearly always requires a jury
15 to sift through disputed factual contentions, and to draw inferences therefrom, we have held on
16 many occasions that summary judgment or judgment as a matter of law in excessive force cases
17 should be granted sparingly.”).

18 Having found a genuine dispute of material fact as to the first question in the qualified
19 immunity analysis, the Court now turns to the second question in the qualified immunity analysis.

20 **2. Whether the Right was Clearly Established at the Time of the Alleged Misconduct**

21 As for the second question in the qualified immunity analysis, officers are entitled to
22 qualified immunity where their conduct did not “violate clearly established statutory or
23 constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.” *Pearson*, 555 U.S. at 231
24 (citation omitted). “For a right to be clearly established, case law must ordinarily have been
25 earlier developed in such a concrete and factually defined context to make it obvious to all
26 reasonable government actors, in the defendant's place, that what he is doing violates federal law.”

1 *Shafer v. County of Santa Barbara*, 868 F.3d 1110, 1117 (9th Cir. 2017). Put slightly differently,
2 “existing precedent must have placed the statutory or constitutional question beyond debate.”
3 *Mullenix v. Luna*, 577 U.S. 7, 12 (2015).

4 Defendants argue that Excessive Force Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity
5 because “there was no controlling precedent at the time of this incident in March 2018 to establish
6 the use of force under the circumstances violated the Fourth Amendment.” Mot. at 15.

7 Here, the Court cannot resolve whether Excessive Force Defendants violated clearly
8 established constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known. This is because
9 whether Excessive Force Defendants violated a clearly established constitutional right turns on
10 facts such as (1) whether Plaintiff’s arm was broken by Excessive Force Defendants before
11 Plaintiff began to resist, and (2) whether Plaintiff’s arm was broken in response to Plaintiff’s
12 complaint that he was in pain. The Court has already found a genuine material dispute as to those
13 facts. Accordingly, the Court concludes there is a genuine material dispute as to the second
14 question in the qualified immunity analysis.

15 In sum, the Court finds there is a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether Excessive
16 Force Defendants violated Plaintiff’s Fourth Amendment right as a matter of law and whether
17 Excessive Force Defendants’ conduct violated clearly established statutory or constitutional rights
18 of which a reasonable person would have known. Thus, at summary judgment, the Court cannot
19 conclude that Excessive Force Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity. Accordingly, the
20 Court DENIES Defendants’ motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff’s Section 1983 claim for
21 excessive force as to Excessive Force Defendants.

22 **B. State Law Claims**

23 Defendants next argue that they are entitled to summary judgment on Plaintiff’s state law
24 claims. Plaintiff alleges state law claims for intentional infliction of emotion distress, assault and
25 battery, negligence, and violation of the Bane Act. TAC at ¶ 41–55. Defendants argue that they
26 are entitled to summary judgment on each of these claims. Mot. at 16. Alternatively, Defendants
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1 argue that the Court should decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law
2 claims. *Id.* at 17. The Court first addresses the Court's jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law
3 claims. The Court then turns to whether Defendants are entitled to summary judgment on
4 Plaintiff's state law claims.

5 **1. Supplemental Jurisdiction**

6 Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim is the only claim in this case over which the Court has
7 original jurisdiction. Defendants therefore argue that if the Court grants summary judgment in
8 Defendants' favor on Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim, the Court should decline to exercise
9 supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's remaining state law claims. Mot. at 17. However, the
10 Court has denied Defendants' motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim.
11 Therefore, Defendants' argument regarding the Court's supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's
12 state law claims is moot.

13 **2. Plaintiff's Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress Claim**

14 Defendants argue that the Court should grant summary judgment on Plaintiff's claim for
15 intentional infliction of emotional distress because Plaintiff has failed to establish a Fourth
16 Amendment violation. Mot. at 16.

17 First, the Court has already found that Plaintiff failed to provide any evidence that
18 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson
19 used excessive force against Plaintiff or otherwise had any contact with Plaintiff. *See supra*
20 Section III(A)(1)(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff abandoned his intentional infliction of emotional
21 distress claim with respect to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr,
22 Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson. *Id.* The Court therefore GRANTS summary judgment on
23 Plaintiff's intentional infliction of emotion distress claim as to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia,
24 Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

25 Second, the Court has already found that disputed issues of fact preclude a finding that
26 Excessive Force Defendants did not use excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment.

1 As such, Defendants' argument regarding Plaintiff's intentional infliction of emotional distress
2 claim fails and the Court DENIES Defendants' motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff's
3 intentional infliction of emotional distress claim as to Excessive Force Defendants.

4 **3. Plaintiff's Assault and Battery Claim**

5 Defendants next argue that the Court should grant summary judgment on Plaintiff's claim
6 for assault and battery because that claim is subject to the same objective reasonableness analysis
7 as excessive force claims under the Fourth Amendment. Mot. at 17.

8 First, the Court has already found that Plaintiff failed to provide any evidence that
9 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson
10 used excessive force against Plaintiff or otherwise had any contact with Plaintiff. *See supra*
11 Section III(A)(1)(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff abandoned his assault and battery claim with respect
12 to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.
13 *Id.* The Court therefore GRANTS summary judgment on Plaintiff's assault and battery claim as to
14 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

15 Second, the Court has already found that disputed issues of fact preclude a finding that
16 Excessive Force Defendants did not use excessive force. As such, Defendants' argument
17 regarding Plaintiff's assault and battery claim fails and the Court DENIES Defendants' motion for
18 summary judgment on Plaintiff's assault and battery claim as to Excessive Force Defendants.

19 **4. Plaintiff's Bane Act Claim**

20 Defendants next argue that the Court should grant summary judgment on Plaintiff's Bane
21 Act claim because that claim is subject to the same objective reasonableness analysis as excessive
22 force claims under the Fourth Amendment. Mot. at 17.

23 First, the Court has already found that Plaintiff failed to provide any evidence that
24 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson
25 used excessive force against Plaintiff or otherwise had any contact with Plaintiff. *See supra*
26 Section III(A)(1)(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff abandoned his Bane Act claim with respect to

1 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.
2 *Id.* The Court therefore GRANTS summary judgment on Plaintiff's Bane Act claim as to
3 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

4 Second, the Court has already found that disputed issues of fact preclude a finding that
5 Excessive Force Defendants did not use excessive force. Defendants next argue that the Court
6 should grant summary judgment on Plaintiff's Bane Act claim because a claim under the Bane Act
7 requires Plaintiff to establish that Defendants had specific intent to violate Plaintiff's
8 constitutional rights and Plaintiff has failed to provide any evidence of Defendants' specific intent.
9 Mot. at 16–17.

10 The Ninth Circuit has recognized that a claim under "the Bane Act requires a specific
11 intent to violate the arrestee's right to freedom from unreasonable seizure." *Reese*, 888 F.3d at
12 1043 (internal quotation marks omitted). Thus, a claim under the Bane Act predicated on a
13 Section 1983 claim for excessive force "require[s] some showing of intent in addition to showing
14 the constitutional violation." *Id.* at 1044; *see also Sandoval v. Cty. of Sonoma*, 912 F.3d 509, 520
15 (9th Cir. 2018) (holding that a Bane Act claim requires the court to ask "did the defendant commit
16 the act in question with the particular purpose of depriving the citizen victim of his enjoyment of
17 the interests protected by that [protected] right?") (internal quotation marks omitted)).

18 Plaintiff has failed to respond to Defendants' argument that the Court should grant
19 summary judgment on Plaintiff's Bane Act claim for failure to provide evidence that Excessive
20 Force Defendants acted with specific intent to violate Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Moreover,
21 Plaintiff's opposition brief fails to point to any evidence that Excessive Force Defendants acted
22 with specific intent to use excessive force in violation of Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Finally,
23 Plaintiff's TAC fails to allege that Excessive Force Defendants acted with specific intent to violate
24 Plaintiff's constitutional rights. *See* TAC at ¶ 50–55.

25 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Defendants' motion for summary judgment on
26 Plaintiff's Bane Act claim as to Excessive Force Defendants.

1 **5. Plaintiff's Negligence Claim**
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3 Finally, Defendants argue that the Court should grant summary judgment on Plaintiff's
4 negligence claim because Excessive Force Defendants' use of force was reasonable under the
5 totality of the circumstances. Mot. at 17. Plaintiff argues that a reasonable jury could find that
6 Excessive Force Defendants did not use reasonable force under the totality of the circumstances,
7 and that disputed issues of material fact preclude summary judgment in Defendants' favor. Opp.
8 at 10.

9 First, the Court has already found that Plaintiff failed to provide any evidence that
10 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson
11 used excessive force against Plaintiff or otherwise had any contact with Plaintiff. *See supra*
12 Section III(A)(1)(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff abandoned his negligence claim with respect to
13 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.
14 The Court therefore GRANTS summary judgment on Plaintiff's negligence claim as to
15 Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

16 Second, the Court has already found that disputed issues of fact preclude a finding that
17 Excessive Force Defendants' use of force was reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.
18 The Court therefore DENIES Defendants' motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff's negligence
19 claim as to Excessive Force Defendants and the County of San Mateo.

20 **IV. CONCLUSION**

21 For the foregoing reasons, Defendants' motion for summary judgment is GRANTED as to
22 the following:

23 • Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim for excessive force as to Defendants Byrnes, Garcia,
24 Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr, Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson;
25 • Plaintiff's Bane Act claim as to all Defendants; and
26 • Plaintiff's claims for assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotion distress,
27 and negligence against Defendants Byrnes, Garcia, Cardoza, Guinto, Diaz, Lehr,
28 Dominguez, Anderson, and Robinson.

1 For the foregoing reasons, Defendants' motion for summary judgment is DENIED as to
2 the following:

3 • Plaintiff's Section 1983 claim for excessive force against Defendants Ramirez,
4 Daly, and Hudnall;
5 • Plaintiff's claims for assault and battery and intentional infliction of emotion
6 distress against Defendants Ramirez, Daly, and Hudnall; and
7 • Plaintiff's negligence claim against Defendants Ramirez, Daly, Hudnall, and the
8 County of San Mateo.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 Dated: July 2, 2021


LUCY H. KOH
United States District Judge